Opening of more International Rail-Routes in the neighbouring countries

*505. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to open more international railway routes especially in the neighbouring countries; and

(b) if so.the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India and Pakistan have agreed to re-establish the Munabao-Khokhrapar rail route by 1st January, 2006.

Diseases due to Computer

†*508. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether excessive use of computer can render **a** person psychiatric patient;

(b) if so, the elaborate details thereof;

(c) the kind of diseases that can afflict the persons making excessive use of computers;

(d) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out this fact; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (e) Government is not aware of any authentic report of Psychiatric" illness developing due to excessive use of computer. However, according to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) excessive use of computers for internet surfing or playing games is a form of addiction, as is the case of excessive viewing of television, which has been identified as a pathology behaviour. Systematic large scale study on the kind of diseases that can afflict persons making excessive use of computers has not been conducted in India. However, a study on computer

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